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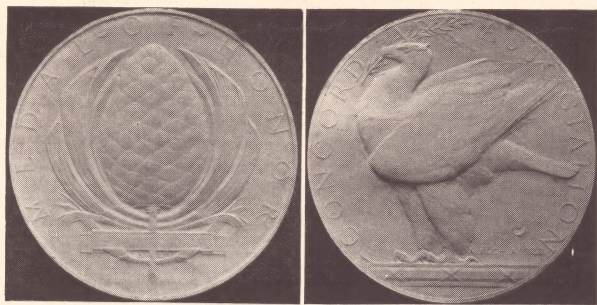
SCULPTURE BY
ALBERT LAESSLE



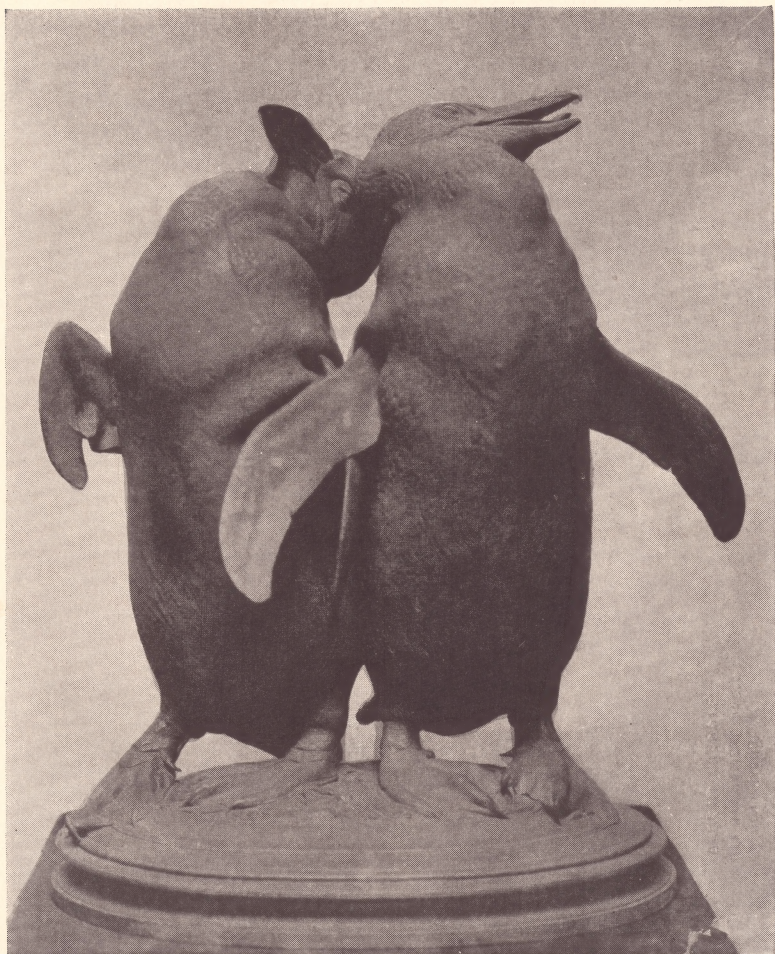
DANCING GOAT
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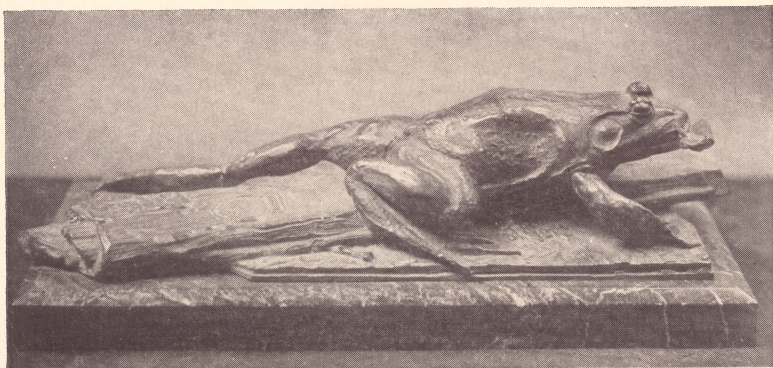
Albert Laessle was born at Philadelphia on March 28th, 1877. He graduated from Drexel Institute in 1897 and from the Pennsylvania Academy, where he studied with Thomas Anshutz and Charles Grafly, in 1901. His choice of animals, particularly the smaller creatures, as subject matter began in his student days with a group of a turtle and a crab. The turtle was so realistic that the sculptor was suspected of having cast it from the life, but a later group, *Turtle and Lizard*, done in wax disproved this accusation. The Cresson Traveling Scholarship enabled him to spend the years from 1904 to 1907 in Europe, chiefly at Paris, working with the help of criticisms from Michel Bégueine. *Turning Turtle* was modeled at Paris in 1905. After his return to Philadelphia Laessle worked with Grafly for a number of years and in 1921 became an instructor at the Pennsylvania Academy. Among the honours given him by the Pennsylvania Academy are the Widener Gold Medal in 1918, for *Penguins*, the Fellowship Gold Medal in 1923, and the McClees Prize in 1928. He also received gold medals at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial Exposition. Among the societies to which he belongs are the *Société des Amis de la Médaille d'Art* of Brussels, the National Academy of Design, and the National Institute of Arts and Letters. Several of his works have been acquired by the Pennsylvania Academy and the Peabody Institute, Baltimore. *Heron and Fish* is at the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh; *Kingfisher*, in the Reading Museum. Included in a group of his works at Johnson Square, Camden, New Jersey, are the *Dancing Goat* and *Duck and Turtle Fountain*. He has designed medals, modeled portrait busts, and made the Pennypacker Memorial in Logan Square, Philadelphia.



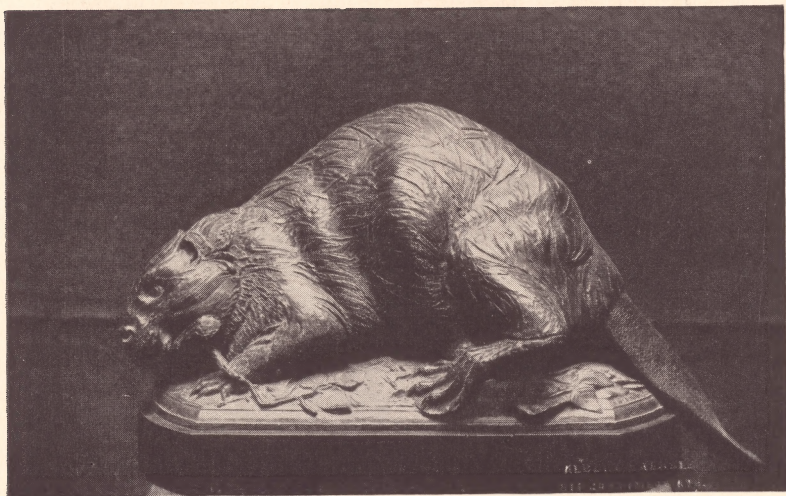
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PENGUINS
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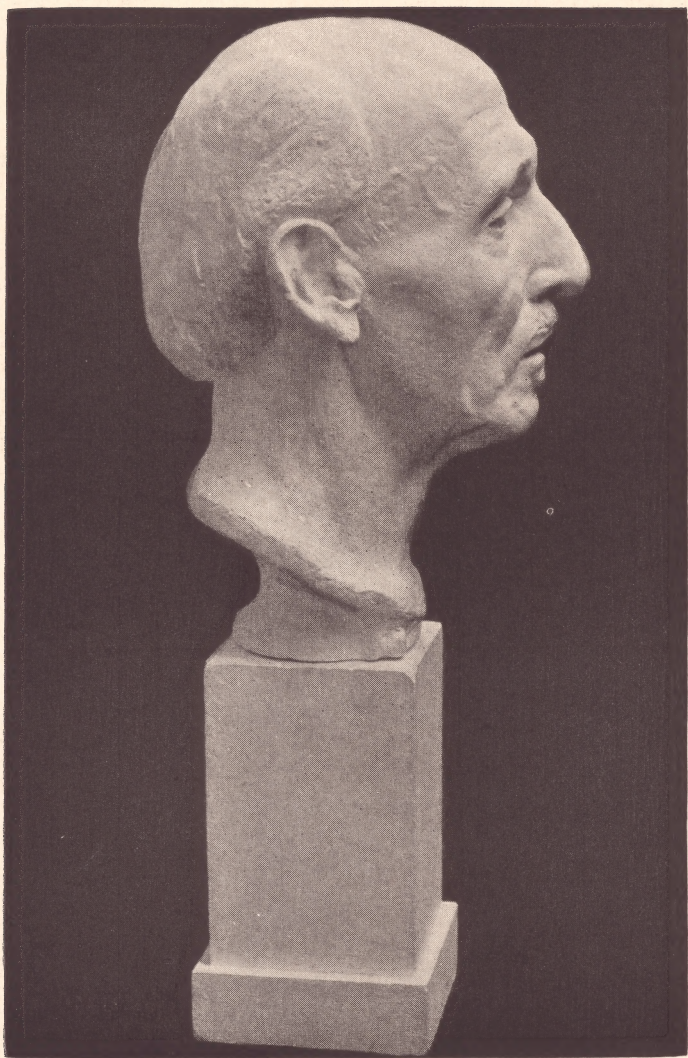
VICTORY

New York. The Metropolitan Museum of Art



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Philadelphia. Rittenhouse Square



FREDERIC NUNN



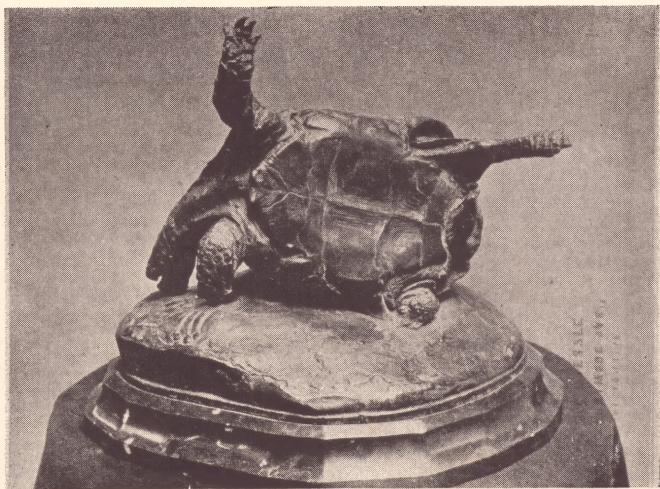
FIGURE FOR TOP OF PENNYPACKER MEMORIAL
Philadelphia, Logan Square



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